



## TDO Annual Meeting - Tennessee State Championship 2018 April 8, 2018 Knoxville, TN

**Council Attendees:** Shane Childers, President; Randy Harvey, Vice President; Penny Stockholm, Treasurer; Tony Bernard, Secretary; Lloyd Hoover, Tournament Director

**Association Representatives:** Angie Bernard-GCDA, Chuck Goins-MNDL, Greg Petty-WWDL, Mary-Margaret Satterfield-CLDA, Tabby Foster-KDC, Brian Puffett-GKDA, Tim Graves-CDA, Shelly Ketron-GTCDA, Aurlin Kelley-GTCDC, Amy Fahey-PLD, Kevin Stockholm-SRDA

**Not Present:** GNDA

Reading of Minutes from Choo Choo Classic 2017 - motion to accept minutes made by Brian Puffett and second by Mary-Margaret Satterfield. Motion passed unanimously to accept minutes from Choo Choo into record.

Treasury Report - hard copy provided to Association Representatives by Penny Stockholm, TDO Treasurer. Motion made by Brian Puffett to accept report and second by Tabby Foster, report unanimously accepted by representatives.

### Old Business:

Discuss the challenges and ideas regarding the Team State Championship. Challenges are size of venue to accommodate number of teams and time it takes to complete the tournament.

#### Discussion Points:

- 1) Original purpose of tournament was the best of each league compete for championship
- 2) Tournament has grown in size and peaked players interest after becoming a money/payout event
- 3) Many teams now compete knowing they may not win, but look to have best finish possible and try to finish in top ten. This brings a feeling of pride and feeling of accomplishment
- 4) Ideas mentioned

- a) Modified Round Robin - teams play and moved into separate brackets aligning stronger teams in one bracket and weaker teams in another. Idea not well received overall
  - b) Regional Qualifiers - 4 Regions established: Knoxville/Cleveland, Tri-Cities, Chattanooga, Nashville/Smyrna. Leagues would have to work together to host qualifiers sending 4 teams from each region. Not well received overall.
  - c) Reduction of number of teams allowed by Associations: Under 75 members allow 1 men and 1 women team, 75-200 members allow 2 men and 2 women teams, 201 -300 members allow 3 men and 3 women teams and over 300 members allow 4 men and 4 women teams but cap at 4 teams. Preliminary review of this idea based on current organization sizes does not look like it would reduce number of teams participating by more than 3-4 teams.
  - d) Modify number of teams allowed to be league size and gender based- where the numbers in bullet point 4c are applied to number of male members and female members so if league has 100 members, 80 men and 20 women, they could send two men's teams but only 1 women's team. This will require further review but idea was well received overall
  - e) Become full 3 Day tournament - many association reps seemed to like this idea and discussed point of people should be able to take day off work if know a year or so in advance of schedule and if cannot then cannot participate or maybe have to miss first day if they have 5 on roster where someone can cover for them. Idea is starting event earlier on Friday like 2 PM - playing 7-8 rounds on Friday then about 10 rounds on Saturday leaving on average 5-6 rounds on Sunday. This would better accommodate a 24 team schedule. It does not, however, address venue size of number of boards required to be set up
- 5) Council to review ideas and look for further information such as effect of the gender based team number allowances on number of teams and this discussion to be closed and final decision for 2019 tournament to be made at TDO meeting at Firecracker in June, 2018

TDO guidelines for what defines a league read by Tony Bernard, TDO Secretary. These guidelines added to the TDO by-laws. Some discussion around topic ended with near unanimous agreement that these guidelines were acceptable to Association Representatives. It was made clear that blind draw formats were not recognized as league play and examples such as Take-A-Trip blind draws should not be recognized as league play.

CLDA recognized for their contribution over the past years in promoting darts and particularly promoting women in darts. They are planning on modifying their league play to fit the TDO guidelines of a league. JUGS, another female organization currently utilizing blind draw format, may also seek to modify their style of play to fit the TDO guidelines for what constitutes being a league.

## New Business:

Application for TDO membership submitted by Donnie Goins for a new league, Sunday Singles League, located in Chattanooga, TN. This league has been formed to provide an opportunity for people to play and compete who otherwise may not be able to play in a league during weekday nights. This is a singles league, with established game format and assigned length of season with cash payouts at end of season. Roster submitted to TDO was for 22 members.

This application has been deferred to the Firecracker 2018 TDO meeting in Chattanooga. There were concerns voiced over this league not yet actually started and concern over not having established operating history of at least a season. Other concerns were around people dropping out of the league if losing excessively because of it being money league and this impacting league operating successfully. League play begins in April and SSL should be able to present their first season results to support their application for TDO membership by Firecracker meeting in June.

## Elections 2018:

Up for election: President, Treasurer, Tournament Director

### Nominations:

President ⇒ Randy Harvey, elected by acclamation

Treasurer ⇒ Penny Stockholm, elected by acclamation

Tournament Director ⇒ Kevin Stockholm nominated by Angie Bernard of GCDA, second by Brian Puffett of GKDA. Lloyd Hoover nominated by Tony Bernard but declined nomination. Kevin elected by acclamation.

Randy Harvey appointed Renee Mull of GKDA as Vice president to fill his position vacated by him once he was elected president. She was unanimously approved by all representatives in form of special election and should fill this position for 1 year until elections for this office are up again in April 2019.

**End of meeting --- April 8, 2018 Knoxville, TN**